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1. A Notice of Appeal was filed on Appellant's 37 CFR 1.192(a), or any extension thereof (37 CF			
$2. \boxtimes$ The proposed amendment(s) will not be entered b	ecause:		
(a) X they raise new issues that would require furth	er consideration and/or search	(see NOTE below);	
(b) they raise the issue of new matter (see Note by	below);		
(c) they are not deemed to place the application issues for appeal; and/or	in better form for appeal by ma	terially reducing or s	simplifying the
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NOTE: See Continuation Sheet.			
3. Applicant's reply has overcome the following rejection	ction(s):		
4. Newly proposed or amended claim(s) would canceling the non-allowable claim(s).	be allowable if submitted in a s	separate, timely filed	d amendment
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7. For purposes of Appeal, the proposed amendment explanation of how the new or amended claims w			and an
The status of the claim(s) is (or will be) as follows:			
Claim(s) allowed:			
Claim(s) objected to:			
Claim(s) rejected: <u>1-7,10-14,16-18,20-22 and 24-28</u> .			
Claim(s) withdrawn from consideration:			
8. The proposed drawing correction filed on is	a) approved or b) disap	proved by the Exam	niner.
9. Note the attached Information Disclosure Stateme		•	
10. Other:		·	•
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Continuation of 2. NOTE: The proposed claim limitations "one probability model that characterizes an essentially complete group" in claims 1 and 10, "one probability model that characterizes an essentially complete cluster" in claim 16 and "one probability model that characterizes an essentially complete descriptor" in claim 20 are not entered because they raise new issues that would require further consideration and search.

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